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During the Cold War era, when many institutions of higher learning sacrificed faculty in the face of political pressure, the Owen Lattimore case represents a situation where university administrators stood firm. This book explores what happened when pressure was put on Johns Hopkins University (Maryland) to punish a faculty member who expressed ideas contrary to majority political opinions, but examines the events within the broader context of academic governance and decision making. The book's first six chapters follow the history of the case, discussing Lattimore's views and questions about his loyalty; his pursuit by those who wished to discredit his views; the call for sanctions; the university's response and its periods of inaction, reaction, and action; and Lattimore's eventual departure from the university. The final chapter attempts to show what implications for university governance procedures can be drawn from this case. Eleven appendixes provide a chronology of the case, cite testimony of various individuals, reprint pejorative "Time" magazine articles, quote excerpts from critical letters received by the university administration, excerpt a speech by Senator Pat McCarran, and provide a digest of board minutes of the university trustees. (Contains 490 references.) (CH)

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